USAMPS Weekly Bible Study

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Response to Time with God: Worship

Please read Genesis 6-8.

What is our correct response to time with God? Worship

Joke: What do you call a nun who sleep walks? A roman Catholic

When a crisis or difficult event comes our way we need to ask ourselves if we are ready/prepared to endure it. Most often we are able to learn from the processes of trouble and/or grief. God offers answers. God may permit the crisis or even initiate it depending on what he deems will be most helpful to our growth. God will not let anything come our way as believers that we cannot endure. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

Often overlooked I noticed the interaction between God and Noah throughout the flood adventure. God was communicating with Noah;

Before the flood (here it comes)-¹³And God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them; and behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (Detailed instructions for how to survive. Noah; "A boat? I don't even know what a boat is are you sure this is a good idea?) ¹⁴Make... ark of gopher wood; make rooms..., and cover it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵... The length of the ark ... three hundred cubits x width-fifty cubits x height-thirty cubits. ¹⁶... window and door dimensions...how many decks (3). ¹⁷And behold, I Myself am bringing floodwaters... everything... shall die. (God initiates a covenant relationship with Noah. The covenant is conditional. The covenant is for you and those you love. ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall go into the ark—you, sons, wife, and your sons' wives. ¹⁹ Two of every living thing... bring into the ark. ²¹And you shall take... food... for you and for them." ²²Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did.

During (just sit still)- ^{7:1}Then the LORD said to Noah, "Come into the ark, (**How long will the storm last?**) ⁴I will cause it to rain on the earth forty days and forty nights..." ⁵ And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. ¹⁶ So those that entered, male and female of all flesh, went in as God had commanded him; and **the LORD shut him in**. ²³...Only Noah and those who *were* with him in the ark remained *alive*. ^{8:1}Then God remembered Noah. ...God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ⁶So it came to pass that Noah ⁷sent out a raven and dove; not luck. ¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days, and again he sent the dove out the ark. ¹¹Then the dove came to him in the evening, and behold, a freshly plucked olive leaf *was* in her mouth; and Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth. ¹²So he waited yet another seven days and sent out the dove, which did not return again to him anymore. ¹⁵

After the Flood, then God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶ "Go out of the ark, you and your wife, and your sons and your sons' wives with you. and after (okay-time to come out) the event. ²⁰So he came out and built an altar unto the Lord. Way cool! This is a powerful encouragement for us when we go through some trial, trouble, or tribulation. Noah's response to all; worship! Way to go, Noah.